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Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int.Cl.6)
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X	EP 0 501 508 A (OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO. LTD.) * claims 1,1,3,14; figure 1 * ---	1-4,6,15	G06F7/22 G06F1/00 G11B20/00
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A	HEWLETT-PACKARD JOURNAL, vol. 41, no. 6, December 1990, PALO ALTO CA, US, pages 49-53, XP000178550 K. R. NIELSEN: "Providing software protection capability for a cd-rom drive" * page 50, left-hand column, line 6-40 * -----	1-6,15	
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1. Claims 1-6 and 15 are concerned with a reproducing apparatus having an *identification datum* where when this Datum doesn't match a (vendor) *unique datum* recorded on the disc, control means **prevent output** of the data from the **interface** of the reproducing apparatus.
2. Claims 7-14,16,21 and 22 are concerned with a reproducing apparatus having an *identification datum*, where, based on the result of the detection of the match between this Datum and a (vendor) *unique datum* recorded on the disc, the **logical address** of the data recorded on the medium is **rearranged**.
3. Claims 17-20 are concerned with a reproducing apparatus comprising error correction means, error rate detecting means and data replacement means whereby the data **replacement** means record the error corrected data **if the error rate is higher than a reference rate**, the reference error rate being changed in accordance with *the unique datum*.